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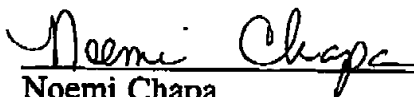
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Hello:

This application was originally submitted to the Patent Office on October 23, 2000. In response to our status letter we received a communication from the US Patent Office indicating that it projected that this application would first be examined by or before October 12, 2004. PAIR indicates that there is no information available for this application. Our records indicate that an action by the US Patent Office is still due.

Can you please give us an approximate date when said action will be given?  
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